

beginning by Archdiocesan Priests, Irish Christian Brothers, De La Salle Brothers, Franciscan Brothers and Priests, Marist Brothers, Xaverian brothers, Religious Sisters and scores of dedicated laymen and laywomen. Current members of this devoted staff are responsible for a 99 percent graduation rate. 96 percent of all Cardinal Hayes High School students go on to study at a college or university.

It must be noted also that Cardinal Hayes High School is one of a just few schools in the New York metropolitan area operating as a Cisco Networking Academy. This accreditation allows the school to provide a two-year course of study that prepares students for CCNA certification. CCNA (Cisco Certified Network Associate) is a highly-regarded certification of networking and internetworking skills.

Mr. Speaker, young men from all walks of life make up the Cardinal Hayes student body. These young men learn, work, play, and worship with one another while providing mutual support and comradeship as well. I take pride in saying that my son, Jose, graduated from Cardinal Hayes and remembers his high school alma mater fondly.

I am very proud to acknowledge this learning institution that has produced so many upstanding men that have, no doubt, gone on to benefit society. I ask my colleagues to please join me in celebrating 60 years of first-rate academic, social, and spiritual instruction in the heart of the Bronx at CHHS.

#### RECOGNIZING MS. JULIE ANN CRIPE

#### HON. KEN BENTSEN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, September 21, 2001*

Mr. BENTSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to congratulate Ms. Julie Ann Cripe on being named Chairperson of the Board of Financial Women International, at the 79th Annual meeting being held in Williamsburg, Virginia, the week of September 22, 2001.

Financial Women International (FWI) is a professional association of women working together to achieve success in the financial services industry. Since its creation, Financial Women International has worked to empower women in all segments of the financial industry to attain their professional, economic, and personal goals. The association consists of more than 8,000 members representing the United States, Canada, Russia, Japan, and Mexico.

Ms. Cripe has been active in FWI since 1979, serving as President on the local and state levels before accepting positions at the international level. Aside from her work with the association, Ms. Cripe, is currently President and Director of OMNIBANK, N.A., where under her leadership the bank has grown rapidly to become one of the largest locally owned banks in Houston. Ms. Cripe has worked closely with the development of Small Business Administration loans at OMNIBANK, most recently closing a \$25 million dollar loan on a chemical plant in Sherman, Texas.

Along with serving as President and Director of OMNIBANK, N.A., Ms. Cripe has been very active in the Texas Bankers Association and the American Banking Association, particularly serving on the legislative and education com-

mittees. Presently, Ms. Cripe serves on the Board of the Education Foundation for the American Banking Association, and was an excellent spokesperson for the home equity bill.

Ms. Cripe has been an exceptional leader in the community, earning the respect of her peers and associates in the business and civic communities. She has contributed to the betterment of the Houston area, by serving on committees at St. John the Divine Episcopal Church, M. D. Anderson Cancer Research Center, and the March of Dimes.

Again, I would like to take this time to congratulate Ms. Julie Ann Cripe on becoming Chairperson of the Board of Financial Women International and wish her continued success.

#### HONORING CHRISTIAN HEALTH CARE CENTER'S 90TH ANNIVERSARY

#### HON. MARGE ROUKEMA

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, September 21, 2001*

Mrs. ROUKEMA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to extend my sincerest congratulations to the Christian Health Care Center for its 90th anniversary of service and care to northern New Jersey. The Christian Health Care Center, located in the town of Wyckoff, offers care for the elderly as well as short and long-term mental health services. All of this is done in a wonderful environment, led by Christian principles. Founded in 1911 and currently under the outstanding leadership of President and CEO Doug Struyk, the Center has evolved into dynamic and caring organization with state-of-the-art facilities, serving the surrounding community for generations. This weekend, the Center will have the opportunity to celebrate its accomplishments and stories of the past 90 years.

The mission of the Christian Health Care Center speaks to the good work done at this facility. The Center provides a continuum of high quality services consistent with the Christian principles on which the institution was founded. Long term care and mental health care are offered, as well as residential living in a compassionate loving environment. The Center consists of a 251 bed skilled nursing home, a 40 unit supportive senior housing complex, a residential living facility and a psychiatric hospital. Recently, construction was completed on an on-site day care center for the Center's care-providers. The Longview assisted living facility was also newly finished, which allowed the residential community to welcome an additional 80 residents to these state-of-the-art facilities. Such a tremendous number of lives are touched through the Christian Health Care Center.

This number also includes the friends and families of residents, for they can rest assured that their loved ones are in good hands with complete care. If you meet even one member of the staff at the Center or hear even one story from a resident, you will understand that the staff here is truly doing God's work-everyday. The philosophy by which the Center operates further testifies to this caring Christian spirit of the community: "the staff of nurses, doctors, program directors, aides and all others at the Center give unselfishly so that all of

our residents and patients know that they are cared for and loved." Their personal touch in caring for the elderly has moved many.

I speak from personal experience. My beloved mother, Margaret Scafati, was cared for with compassion and professionalism of the highest caliber at the Center. For this I am truly grateful.

Under the excellent guidance of Mr. Struyk and the caring of the wonderful employees, the Christian Health Care Center will continue to shine as one of the finest care facilities of its kind in our nation. This weekend we celebrate 90 years of excellence and look forward to many more. Our hearts and prayers are with those involved with this wonderful center.

#### TRIBUTE TO DAVID FREEMYER

#### HON. JAMES V. HANSEN

OF UTAH

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, September 21, 2001*

Mr. HANSEN. Mr. Speaker, today I would like to share with the House and America, a statement by my friend David Freemyer. David is 9 years old and sent me the following speech about the tragedies of September 11, 2001.

"As we all know on September 11, 2001 terrorists hijacked four of our airplanes and crashed two of them into the World Trade Center and one into the Pentagon and one crashed in a field in Pennsylvania. This event has brought sadness to everyone and death to thousands of people. I ask myself why would anyone want to do such a thing. We have done no harm to any other country.

Not only have we done no harm, but we have helped all the countries that need our help and will still help any country that needs our help. We donate food and water and anything a country needs. And yet very few times has a country helped us. I'm not saying that all the other countries are bad. I'm just saying that just because we have a very strong military and that our country is very powerful that doesn't mean that we can do everything on our own. I have great respect for all the people from other countries that took time to go to church and pray for our country.

God Bless America!

David A. Freemyer"

I hope all Americans can somehow show their patriotism like my friend David.

#### TRIBUTE TO GEORGE EICHLER

#### HON. CHARLES A. GONZALEZ

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, September 21, 2001*

Mr. GONZALEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a great man, George Eichler. Regretfully, George Eichler passed away on Friday, August 17, 2001, but he leaves us with a myriad of memories and lessons derived from his history of service and a legacy of championing important issues.

George was a life-long Democrat and a long-time labor leader in San Antonio. His tireless work on behalf of Democrats and in support of San Antonio working men and women is well recognized and respected within the